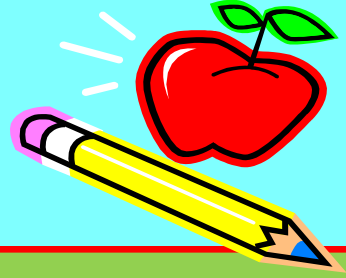




Mrs. Auslander's Classroom News

October, 2011



We are 13 days into kindergarten and the kids are getting adjusted to the routines and expectations. In addition, the children are making new friends and sharing their creative ideas through class discussions and written work.

Classroom Topics & Activities

- Naming the letters of the alphabet in capital and lowercase form.
- Focus on the sounds of M, S, A, T, C & P.
- Sight words (aka "just know it words") include I, like, the, and, see, we, a.
- Rhyming, beginning sounds, words in sentences, blending and segmenting sounds in words.
- Reading with expression, retelling stories, picture details, pausing for punctuation.
- Genres elements of realistic fiction, folk tales, fables, informational text, and poetry.
- Counting to 30 orally, one-to-one correspondence, matching quantities to number symbols, identifying numbers to 20.
- Patterns, comparing and, sorting by attributes.
- Writing numerals 0 – 10 with correct form.
- Use sight words to write simple sentences, label with color words and other adjectives.
- Tree studies, including a tree walk, adopting a class tree, leaf activities, identifying types and parts of trees, describing tree and leaf characteristics, apple tasting.
- Discuss and write about the attribute of Respect.
- Fall crafts, stories, & finger plays.
- Happy Birthday Sydney (10/5) & Raquel (10/30).

Reminders and Requests

- ✧ Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) Day on October 20. Wear tie dye and bring a book.
- ✧ Practice naming the capital and lower case letters – try the alphabet wheels sent home.
- ✧ Practice the sight words we will cover this month. Use the attached cards for practice.
- ✧ If you missed Curriculum Night, we have posted our Power Point presentation on the school website – under classroom news - K.
- ✧ Some of the students' folders are getting full. Review and take out papers each day!
- ✧ On your child's birthday celebration day, send in a book for me to read to the class.
- ✧ The Guidance teacher, Mrs. Morin will do a lesson with the class every two weeks.
- ✧ Halloween party on Monday, Oct. 31 during school. Kindergarten children are to wear their costumes to school that day.
- ✧ A note will be coming home about collecting leaves to bring to school the week of 10/17.

Ideas for Home

Read with your child as much as possible! When reading a story, discuss the characters, setting, plot, and moral. Let your child retell the story to you or someone else, even a stuffed animal works if nobody else is available! Periodically move your finger along the text to model the left-to-right progression of reading. Most importantly, enjoy reading together!

